

The Commission shall consist of ~~26~~ 30 members. The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker pro tempore of the House, and the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall serve as ex officio members of the Commission. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint ~~eleven~~ 13 members from the House. The President pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint ~~eleven~~ 13 members from the Senate. Vacancies created by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the original appointing authority. Members shall serve two-year terms beginning and ending on January 15 of the odd-numbered years, except that initial appointments shall begin on July 1, 1975. Members shall not be disqualified from completing a term of service on the Commission because they fail to run or are defeated for reelection. Resignation or removal from the General Assembly shall constitute resignation or removal from membership on the Commission. The terms of the initial members of the Commission shall expire January 15, 1977."

Section 93. Unless otherwise specified, all appointments made by this act are for terms to begin when this act becomes law.

Section 94. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of August, 1997.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 4:25 p.m. on the 11th day of September, 1997.

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CHAPTER 496

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS TO: (1) PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR, AND THE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF, CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION; (2) INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPLIANCE HISTORY IN OTHER STATES OF AN APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT; (3) CLARIFY THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN A PUBLIC HEARING AND A PUBLIC MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A WATER QUALITY PERMIT; (4) ALLOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO DELEGATE ITS POWERS BY RESOLUTION RATHER THAN BY RULE; (5) CLARIFY THE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF AIR QUALITY STANDARDS; (6) REESTABLISH A SCHEDULE OF SIX-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS FOR THE MINING COMMISSION; (7) REESTABLISH A SCHEDULE OF TWO-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY; AND (8) MAKE CLARIFYING, CONFORMING, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO VARIOUS LAWS RELATING TO ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.